

## **CLAIMS**

I claim:

1. A method of screening a message, comprising:  
conveying a first electronic message from a public address of a receiver to a private address of the receiver; and  
delivering the conveyed first electronic message from the private address to a receiver address.
  
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
assigning the public address and the private address to the receiver.
  
3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
terminating the public address after a time period.
  
4. The method of claim 3, further comprising:  
rejecting a second message sent to the terminated public address.
  
5. The method of claim 3, further comprising:  
replacing the terminated public address with a new unique public address.
  
6. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
assigning a unique mail uniform resource identifier to the receiver; and  
receiving a third electronic message at the mail uniform resource identifier;  
wherein the delivering further comprises delivering the third electronic message from the mail uniform resource identifier to the receiver address if a sender of the third message recognizes an image pattern.
  
7. The method of claim 6, further comprising:  
presenting an online form to the sender, the online form including the image pattern;

wherein the delivering further comprises retrieving the private address associated with the mail uniform resource identifier and delivering the third electronic message to the receiver address with the private address as a sender address if the image pattern is recognized.

8. The method of claim 6, wherein the uniform resource identifier comprises a uniform resource locator.

9. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
registering the receiver having the receiver address; and  
providing a user account to the registered receiver, wherein the user account comprises the private address and the public address.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein the providing the user account further comprises requesting entry of a unique user identification and a password and further comprising allowing access to the user account with the user identification and the password.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein the providing the user account further comprises:

determining whether the requested user identification is an email account to be protected; and  
requesting an email address of the email account to be protected if the requested user identification is not the email account to be protected.

12. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
establishing a list of approved senders;  
wherein the delivering further comprises only delivering a message if a sender is one of the approved senders.

13. The method of claim 12, further comprising:  
including the private address in the list of approved senders.

14. The method of claim 12, wherein the list of approved senders comprises a whitelist.
15. The method of claim 1, wherein the first electronic message comprises an email message, the private address comprises a first email address, and the public address comprises a second email address.
16. A computer readable medium having embodied thereon a computer program for processing by a computer, the computer program comprising:
  - a first code segment to assign a unique mail uniform resource identifier and a unique private address to a receiver;
  - a second code segment to receive an electronic message at the mail uniform resource identifier; and
  - a third code segment to deliver the electronic message from the mail uniform resource identifier to an address of the receiver with a sender address that includes the private address if a sender of the third message recognizes an image pattern.
17. The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein the uniform resource identifier comprises a uniform resource locator.
18. A message screening system, comprising:
  - a database having a list of approved senders;
  - an email agent module configured to provide an email user with a private agent having a private agent email address and a public agent having a public agent email address;
  - a mail transfer module that transfers an email message from the public agent to the private agent; and
  - a mail delivery module that delivers the email message from the private agent to an address of the email user if the private agent email address is included in the list of approved senders.

19. The system of claim 18, wherein the list of approved senders comprises a whitelist.
20. The system of claim 18, further comprising a uniform resource identifier module configured to deliver the email message to the private agent if a sender of the email message recognizes an image pattern.